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Recommendations to native teachers
about the use of English.

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To all native Teachers.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Once more your attention is called to the fact that good English counts a great deal in your professional qualification, and perfect English means a still higher asset. Therefore, try to improve along that direction in every possible way: read, write, SPEAK English all the time; organize clubs, societies, etc., using English as the official language; in short, make it a point to stimulate the study of Shakespeare's language by every conceivable device, in order that a most desired English atmosphere may be created, and the natural difficulty overcome. If you can spend your vacations in the Continent, so much the better.

For your own sake, do not give this sound advice a meaning which is not intended; Spanish must not be neglected, but it is a fact that a thorough study of English will help you greatly in perfecting your Spanish. Remember! English means to you a broader mind, a wider field of thought, a bigger opportunity to do good, a better paid position.

Very truly yours,

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